

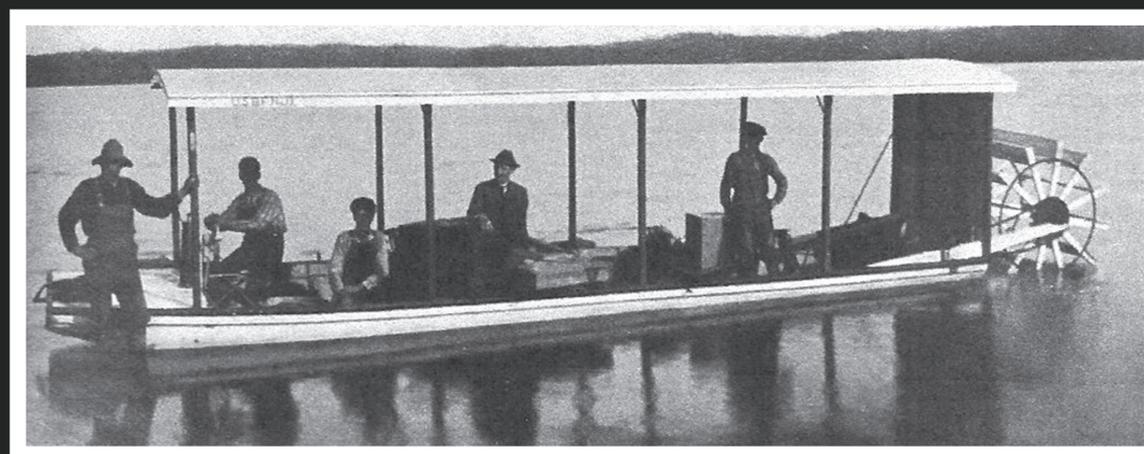
#15 Boathouse

The Boathouse, which measured 25.5 ft. x 39.5 ft., was located adjacent to the river and 225 ft west of the Pumphouse. The Boathouse was a 1-story, post-in-ground, wood frame building with no foundation or floor. The building had a gable roof with composite shingles. In addition to boat storage, the building also stored seines, ropes, tarpaulins, boat equipment and motors. In 1914 the station owned two motor powered launches, three small flat-bottomed motorboats, and many 16-24 ft. rowboats. One of the flat-bottomed motorboats was equipped with a small stern paddlewheel. This vessel, which had an eight-inch draft, was used for research and able to navigate the same shallow waters as a rowboat.

Reflecting the diminished role of research at the hatchery, the 1941 inventory states the hatchery only owned two inboard cypress launches (27 ft. and 24 ft.), one outboard motorboat, and two 13.5 ft rowboats. When the renovations of the hatchery were completed in 1953, the Boathouse was no longer needed. The Boathouse was sold to the Izaak Walton League in 1954 and subsequently floated downstream to its present location (west of Fairport). The former Boathouse is still used as a clubhouse and reception area. In the late 1950s or 1960s, the building was renovated to its current configuration. Two rooms were added, one on the east end of the building and one in the rear (south) of the building. The north facade retains six windows, as depicted in the 1941 inventory photograph.



Overview of Boathouse during high water in 1941, facing southwest.



Staff on flat-bottomed, paddlewheel launch used in mussel and fish collection circa 1911.



Modern overview photo of Boathouse, now used as the Izaak Walton League building. The east end addition was completed in the late 1950s or 1960s.

